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Today's Topics:

 Just Go Learn the code!
 Just go racing! (was Re: Just Go Learn the code!_
 Part 97 (2 msgs)

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Date: 25 Aug 1993 12:50:59 -0700
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!spool.mu.edu!bloom-
beacon.mit.edu!mojo.eng.umd.edu!news.isi.com!news.isi.com!not-for-mail@ames.arpa
Subject: Just Go Learn the code!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CCAE3H.7s6@fc.hp.com> perry@fc.hp.com (Perry Scott) writes:

>Alan Harp (harp@bnr.ca) wrote:

>: Her name is Laura, Her call is KD4OZC.

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>: What's great is last Saturday she took the test for General. Guess what

>: at the code test she PASSED 20WPM. She is now only 9 years old. She

>: lacks a few QSLs from having DXCC. She hopes to have here DXCC before

>: she is 10.

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>If I've grepped the callsign database correctly, the youngest Extra is
>either 10 (or 110 :-) years old. I think the Advanced and Extra written
>tests are pretty awesome for someone that age. Good luck to her.

The theory itself is probably awesome, but not the test. Why? Because *most* people in this age group passing the extra written test do it by simply associating the correct answer with the question as memorized from the test pool.

There was an article in QST last year about a girl, about 12 I think, who related her experiences in getting her extra license. She mentioned that several questions on the test gave her trouble because she didn't "recognize" them. She implied that she missed all of these unrecognized questions. Although the article didn't say so, this *strongly* implies that she simply memorized the question pool and didn't have a clue as how to go about solving the questions she hadn't encountered before.

Unfortunately, most *adult* extra class license holders probably passed the written exam in exactly the same way.

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Jerry Gardner (jerry@isi.com)		"Violence is the last refuge of
Integrated Systems, Inc.		the incompetent" - Isaac Asimov

Date: 25 Aug 93 09:16:35 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Just go racing! (was Re: Just Go Learn the code!_
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.policy, dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:
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>In other words, now that CW is falling out of common use in the commercial,
>military, and marine radio worlds, we need to find out what is valuable
>in a core of reserve radio operators and technicians, and emphasize
>it. CW is a neat little thing that was once a requirement to be a radio
>operator in most services. Now, it is a relic. If hams want to use it,
>great. If some folks still use Latin, wonderful. But, a EE doesn't
>need to know Latin, and a radio operator today really doesn't need CW.

Tops on my list of needed skills is the ability to solve RFI/EMI problems, particularly when uncooperative people are involved. Given the current FCC activities in solving these problems, or the lack thereof, perhaps tests that involved solving actual problems would help everyone involved. I don't see these skills becoming useless anytime soon. Even industry seems to need such people.

Zack Lau KH6CP/1

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Date: 25 Aug 93 15:16:43 GMT
From: ogicse!emory!news-feed-2.peachnet.edu!concert!lester.appstate.edu!
usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Part 97
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Can someone please e-mail me a copy of the FCC rules regarding amateur radio?

Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1993 19:42:29 GMT
From: das.wang.com!wang!dbushong@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Part 97
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

RW884@CONRAD.APPSTATE.EDU (Watkins, Robert Shawn) writes:

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I sent him one.

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Dave Bushong, Wang Laboratories, Inc. Amateur Radio Callsign KZ10
Project Leader, Recognition products kz1o@n0ary.#noca.ca.na
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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 93 05:43:18 GMT
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!emory!rsiatl!jgd@ames.arpa
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <harp.11.0@bnr.ca>, <1993Aug24.040809.126607@locus.com>,
<1993Aug24.160011.5040@brtph560.bnr.ca>
Subject : Re: Just go racing! (was Re: Just Go Learn the code!_

kme@node_1aac2.bnr.ca (Ken Michael Edwards) writes:

Round 0xfec97503 of the Great Usenet Morris War Do-loop begins.

>In article <1993Aug24.040809.126607@locus.com>, dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

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>|> I was racing motorcycles at the age of 24. I even won some money

>|> from Suzuki. If I can do it why don't you go do it? You never heard

>WAS IT ON ??

>The racing you did was your choice of a DIFFERENT hobby. CW IS A PART OF

>HAM RADIO !!!!! Why not propose that you have to be able to catch a

>7 lb. bass to get a ham licence ?? It's just as ludicrous as

>your proposal.

Well since we're gonna test things that ham radio might be used for, why don't we test a few of the things I'm involved with. I use ham radio (occasionally) on packet to transmit messages, I use it to collect telemetry from a race car. I use radar for the same purpose. I've never used Morris Code. Not even a single character. Not even during the test (dot-dash method worked just fine.) Since you seem to be interested in testing motor skills unrelated to the hobby, why don't we include a test to determine the candidate's ability to decode packet by ear. And to listen to a PCM signal and demultiplex the various sensor codes from a telemetry sensor. And perhaps listen to a doppler tone and accurately gauge the speed of the car in the radar beam. All of these skills have at least as much to do with admitting a candidate ham as does being able to listen to pseudo-random beeps. (Fermat's next-to-last theorem: Does a Morris transmission carry any more data than random noise?)

John

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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1993 14:20:49 GMT

From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!

darwin.sura.net!news-feed-2.peachnet.edu!concert!uvaarpa!murdoch!

livia.acs.Virginia.EDU!jeg7e@network.ucsd.edu

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Aug24.040809.126607@locus.com>,
<1993Aug24.185306.4709@mnemosyne.cs.du.edu>, <1993Aug25.023607.146954@locus.com>
Subject : Re: Just go racing! (was Re: Just Go Learn the code!_

In article <1993Aug25.023607.146954@locus.com>,
Dana H. Myers <dana@lando.la.locus.com> wrote:
>operator in most services. Now, it is a relic. If hams want to use it,
>great. If some folks still use Latin, wonderful. But, a EE doesn't
>need to know Latin, and a radio operator today really doesn't need CW.

I love the idea.. I'd like to hear a Latin Net on HF :)

BTW, I'm gonna test for my 5WPM Morris code next week.. What the heck.

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 \ \ / Jon Gefaell, Computer Systems Engineer      | Amateur Radio - KD4CQY  
  \ \ / Information Technology and Communications   | -Will chmod for food-  
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From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!spool.mu.edu!umn.edu!csus.edu!
netcom.com!dparker@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <harp.12.0@bnr.ca>, <1993Aug24.190226.141102@locus.com>,
<harp.14.0@bnr.ca>du
Subject : Re: Just Go Learn the code!

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>socially unacceptable.
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I think the point really is that the 13-20 WPM as a REQUIREMENT for HF
work is a silly and does not seem to fit in the "real" world. I have had
my ticket since Feb. and am proud to say NO, I will not learn the code past
5 WPM. But I still want HF access, I should not be shut out. But thats not
to say that I feel it should be eliminated, only as a requirment.

>I wonder what it would be like if these people were born and raised
>communicating only in CW. Would they complain if someone suggested
>they learn to talk?

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haha..I know a guy out here who is blind, and he uses CW to "read"
ASCII files via Supermorse, go figure!

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* Dave Parker:      e-mail: dparker@netcom.com          *
*                                                           *
*   "Tracy, California....the gateway to Stockton" *
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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1993 14:10:53 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!overload.lbl.gov!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
darwin.sura.net!news-feed-2.peachnet.edu!concert!uvaarpa!murdoch!
livia.acs.Virginia.EDU!jeg7e@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <harp.12.0@bnr.ca>, <1993Aug24.190226.141102@locus.com>,
<harp.14.0@bnr.ca>t
Subject : Re: Just Go Learn the code!

In article <harp.14.0@bnr.ca>, Alan Harp <harp@bnr.ca> wrote:
>Sorry This posting was an OOPS!. I was editing it and pushed the wrong
>key or clicked on the wrong spot and it got sent.

In *THIS* hobby you have a responsibility to learn the rudiments of an
editor. You obviously have failed to do this. You're still welcome to
share this hobby with us, but I'm sure it would go better for everyone
if you put some effort into becoming proficient.

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Hopefully.

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I've never, in all my years heard ANYONE say that the code itself is socially unacceptable, though I have heard it's proponents are often obnoxious and crazed.

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Non sequitur.

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Date: 25 Aug 1993 13:11:39 -0700
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!uwm.edu!spool.mu.edu!bloom-
beacon.mit.edu!mojo.eng.umd.edu!news.isi.com!news.isi.com!not-for-mail@ames.arpa
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <1993Aug24.190226.141102@locus.com>, <harp.14.0@bnr.ca>,
<CCBJE5.53F@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>ac
Subject : Re: Just Go Learn the code!

In article <CCBJE5.53F@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU> jeg7e@livia.acs.Virginia.EDU (Jon Gefaell) writes:

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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1993 11:47:49 GMT
From: swrinde!emory!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!howland.reston.ans.net!torn!nott!
bnrgate!corpgate!nrtpa038!bnr.ca!harp@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <25bi9r\$8od@chnews.intel.com>, <harp.12.0@bnr.ca>,
<1993Aug24.190226.141102@locus.com>nrtpa03
Subject : Re: Just Go Learn the code!

In article <1993Aug24.190226.141102@locus.com> dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers) writes:

>From: dana@lando.la.locus.com (Dana H. Myers)

>Subject: Re: Just Go Learn the code!

>Date: Tue, 24 Aug 93 19:02:26 GMT

>Jim Bromley (aka W5GYJ, <jbromley@sedona.intel.com>), wrote:

> For the rest of us with careers to pursue, developing a
> high-speed Morse code translation capability isn't worth the
> time it takes. Fifty years ago, maybe. But not now. It is
> a totally worthless skill

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>To which, Alan Harp, harp@bnr.ca responds:

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> in today's job market.

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>Is this to imply that learning CW now gives us a jump on a hot new
>future wave in employment?

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> * Dana H. Myers KK6JQ | Views expressed here are

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> * (310) 337-5136 | mine and do not necessarily

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> * dana@locus.com DoD #466 | reflect those of my employer

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> * This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

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* Alan Harp K4PB      *      Bell-Northern Research      *      CW FOREVER      *
* mail: harp@bnr.ca  *      Research Triangle Park, NC   *
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Date: Wed, 25 Aug 1993 23:05:32 GMT
From: mentor.cc.purdue.edu!sage.cc.purdue.edu!blumb@purdue.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <harp.14.0@bnr.ca>, <CCBJE5.53F@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>,
<25gh1rINN8tg@bashful.isi.com>
Subject : Re: Just Go Learn the code!

jerry@isi.com (Jerry Gardner x323) writes:
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the reset/break key???

Play with the disk i/o routines so that you can do have code practice tests
by listening to the drives thumping their heads?

Just a thought.

:)

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Bill Blum blumb@sage.cc.purdue.edu Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN

Date: Thu, 26 Aug 1993 04:21:36 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!caen!uvaarpa!murdoch!livia.acs.Virginia.EDU!
jeg7e@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CCBJE5.53F@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>, <25gh1rINN8tg@bashful.isi.com>,
<CCC859.4HA@mentor.cc.purdue.edu>
Subject : Re: Just Go Learn the code!

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Uh huh. Here are a couple more:

Satisfy Part 97.1, 'Basis and Purpose' by building a versatile, standards
based communications network. Namely TCP/IP and a POSIX based OS. Etc...

You know, this hobby is SUPPOSED to be more about serving society than
decorating ones walls with QSL cards and Operating Certificates. Not to
mention chewing the rag on 14.313.

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References <harp.14.0@bnr.ca>, <CCBJE5.53F@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>,
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EXACTLY!!!

I think it's you who are slightly confused... And the source of your confusion is that you think Morris Code is any more inseparably related to the Amateur Radio Hobby than UNIX KernEl hacking.

I relate UNIX KernEl hacking to Amateur radio because besides public service communications my other area of interest is High Speed TCP/IP networking (High Speed is relative, of course) and of course, I use UNIX for this.

YOU may relate Morris Code to Amateur Radio because you enjoy the challenge of turning your grey matter into a wetware modem.

Thus, *MY* Hobby as it relates to Amateur Radio is somewhat different than *YOUR* Hobby as it relates to Amateur Radio.

BTW, a couple buddies of mine like to use Amateur Radio to coordinate their Bass Fishing endeavors. They got their licenses just for that porpoise, after seeing how _versatile_ this *HOBBY* can be. They are also not interested in Morris Code.

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>ham radio?

I Hope I've been clear and unambiguous in my answer to this last question. As the OF's before us were fond of pointing out, Amateur Radio is a Hobby that can be many things to many people.

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From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!agate@soda.berkeley.edu!lee@network.ucsd.edu

References <CCBJE5.53F@murdoch.acc.Virginia.EDU>, <25gh1rINN8tg@bashful.isi.com>,

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[...]

[...]

[English Morris Dancing, for those who don't get the ref]

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___\  /      Lee M. Thompson-Herbert  lee@soda.berkeley.edu      >>>>

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From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa

References <harp.11.0@bnr.ca>, <CCAE3H.7s6@fc.hp.com>,

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[stuff deleted]
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>Unfortunately, most *adult* extra class license holders probably passed the
>written exam in exactly the same way.
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>

Jerry, this is a rather cruel insult to *adult* extras; can you provide
firm evidence to back up your claim? You remind me of someone else on
here who tries to pass his opinions as fact ("You make it, we break it...")

Jeff NH6IL

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